

On the train back to Derby I had plenty of time to pause and reflect. An exceptionally enjoyable day? Certainly. Rarities? Well, compared with my local list for Hilton, yes. And memories? Memories to last a lifetime. Days such as these are rare indeed.

#### Butterflies observed at Hilton, Derbyshire, 1970-1976

HESPERIDAE. *Ochlodes venata* (B. & G.). Several each year 1970-76, although appears to be becoming scarce throughout Derbyshire.

PIERIDAE. *Gonepteryx rhamni* (L.). 9.viii.75 (1), 20.iv.76 (1), 31.v.76 (1); becoming more widespread in Derbyshire. *Pieris brassicae* (L.). Common. *P. rapae* (L.). Very common. *P. napi* (L.). Very common. *Anthocharis cardamines* (L.). Common.

LYCAENIDAE. *Lycaena phlaeas* (L.). Common. *Polyommatus icarus* (Rottemburg). A strong colony at Hilton nature reserve.

NYMPHALIDAE. *Vanessa atalanta* (L.). Scarce most years; not recorded in 1974. *V. cardui* (L.). Rare. 15.viii.76 (2). *Aglais urticae* (L.). Very common. *Inachis io* (L.). Several seen most years.

SATYRIDAE. *Lasiommata megera* (L.). Common. *Maniola jurtina* (L.). Abundant.

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LOZOPERA BEATRICELLA WALSINGHAM IN DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE IN 1976. — I was very interested in the letter concerning *Lozopera beatricella* Wals., in Vol. 89, No. 3 of *The Entomologist's Record*, for this species also turned up during 1976, for the first time so far as I am aware, in the counties of Derbyshire and Yorkshire. A specimen was taken in a Rothamsted light-trap at Matlock, Derbyshire, on the 27th June, and the Yorkshire specimen was taken at a light-trap operated by Mr. H. E. Beaumont at West Melton, near Rotherham. Both of these specimens have been examined by Dr. J. D. Bradley who has confirmed their identity. It seems strange that such an attractive little moth should have escaped the attention of local entomologists in previous years and I suspect that this species may be a newcomer to the region.

Also taken in the Matlock trap on the 25th August, was a single specimen of *Agriphila latistria latistria* Haw. This species was discovered for the first time in Derbyshire during 1975 at Shipley Park, near Heanor, where it is reasonably well established to judge from the numbers attracted to light in both 1975 and 1976.

A number of colonies of *Stenoptilia saxifragae* Fletcher are now known to occur in Derbyshire. Two sites exist in gardens at Matlock, another in a garden at Starkholmes, near Matlock, and a colony in my own garden which was established in 1972 by introducing specimens from the first local colony discovered at Sheffield in 1971. — F. HARRISON, 24 Church Street, Holloway, nr. Matlock, Derbyshire.